

B1 ¹⁹/~~30~~. The register renaming method of claim ¹³/~~24~~, further comprising the step of passing said tags to read address ports of said temporary buffer for accessing said out-of-order execution results.--

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 12-30 are pending in the application, with claims 12, 18, and 24 being the independent claims. Claim 1 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 12-30 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 5,497,499 as well as over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 5,737,624. By the foregoing amendments, Applicants have canceled claim 1, thus rendering the double patenting rejection moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

38 *B*

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Nguyen et al. By the foregoing amendments, Applicants have canceled claim 1, thus rendering the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has also rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Lightener et al. By the foregoing amendments, Applicants have canceled claim 1, thus rendering the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Other Matters

The Examiner's observation that claim 1 of the instant Application conflicts with claim 1 of Application No. 09/329,352, as well as the Examiner's corresponding requirement that claim 1 of either application be cancelled, has been remedied by virtue of the above amendments.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the

B

outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Donald J. Featherstone
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 33,876

Date: 8/16/00.

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600